

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 14 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In response, claims 1 and 4 have been amended. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 14 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Tanaka et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,256,922). It is respectfully submitted, however, that these claims are patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth below.

The Official Action relies on Figure 9 of Tanaka to include Applicants' claimed feature of a terminal exposed on a bottom of the motor base. Specifically, Item 140 in Figure 9 of Tanaka is a terminal which is connected to winding 106 of the motor. Applicants claim 1 is distinguishable. Specifically, Applicants' claim 1 recites:

... a plurality of terminals for connection to a plurality of windings of said stator, respectively, said terminals exposed on a bottom of said motor base ...

As shown in Applicants' Figure 3(a), terminals 3111 are situated on the bottom of Applicants' motor base. Thus, connection to respectively different windings in Applicants' motor base can be achieved. The configuration shown in Figure 9 of Tanaka has terminal 140 extending from one winding and traversing virtually the entire diameter of Tanaka's base. Furthermore, based on the configuration illustrated by Figure 9 of Tanaka, only one terminal is included. Thus, Applicants claimed feature of a plurality of terminals is neither disclosed nor suggested by Tanaka. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants' claims are distinguishable for a further reason. Applicants' claims recite the feature of:

A surface mountable motor base.

As set forth in column 2, lines 33-34 of Tanaka, Tanaka's motor is mounted to a chassis. Hence, Tanaka has not disclosed Applicants' feature of

a surface mountable motor base. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanaka in view of Hiroyasu. These claims, however, are patentable by virtue of their dependency on allowable claim 1. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**IN THE CLAIMS:**

- 1 1. (Twice Amended) A surface mountable motor base, comprising:
2 a motor base;
3 a bearing supporter extending from said base for supporting a bearing;
4 a stator supporter concentric with said bearing supporter for
5 supporting a stator; and
6 a plurality of terminals for connection to a plurality of windings of said
7 stator, respectively, said terminals exposed on a bottom of said motor base and
8 extending substantially parallel to said base.
- 1 4. (Amended) The surface mountable motor base as defined in Claim 3,
2 wherein a plurality of said motor bases are linked to ~~said a~~ frame in width direction
3 of the belt-like shape, and adjacent said motor bases are separated in longitudinal
4 direction.